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The Bride to Be???



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Chapter 1 by Grasshopper

"\$2,000 dollars" Kim said. I spun around in her barber's chair to see if she was joking or not "Wait, let me see if I've got this straight. Her family will pay me \$2,000 dollars, and all her expenses would be paid. All I have to do is have her live with me and stay married to her for two years"? She laid down her comb and scissors, then turn my chair back around to see Soe Lynn who is working on a woman's nails "That's right. She's doomed to work in the factories of Vietnam for the rest of her life because no one there wants to marry an unattractive mute girl. So, her parents sent her here to stay with her sister Fran". She swings you the other way and point's out Fran doing pedicures.

Kim continued "Her visa is almost up and the only way she is going to be able to stay is if she gets married. If it helps, she is very good at cooking and house keeping". I agreed to dinner with the three of them. Fran was Soe's interpreter, and Kim was my chaperone. Soe animations, and expressions made up for her lack of speech. I didn't fall in love with her at first sight, but I did that night. She had the wonderment of a child, and Fran was really building her up. The only problem was, she didn't understand much english and I didn't understand sign language. At the end of the dinner I agreed to do it, but only if she would be my actual wife and not just on paper.

So the date was set, and Kim and I moved into the new house. I had the peace, but not Soe Lynn or Fran. Kim and I went to Fran's apartment and found the front door wide open. Kim drew out a gun as we entered and took two notes from the table. The first one was from Soe Lynn.

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Fran, I'm so sorry but I can't stay here any longer. I'm going back home to Vietnam. Love Soe Lynn

The second note was from Fran.....

Kim, this was not Soe's hand writing. I think they took her and I'm going to see if I can locate them while the trail is hot. Please tell Doug everything! Fran

Kim looked me straight in the eyes and with perfect english said "I'm sorry! Soe is in a witness protection program, and to keep her alive, we were setting you up to be her deep cover". My mouth fell to the ground as she continued "I work with the FBI but we can't trust them. It's just too high profile of a case to trust anyone else. Believe it or not, you were our best hope. Will you help me to get her back"?

I scratched my head "Is anything you told me about her true"? "Weeeell...." Kim paused. I could see real concern in her face "Look, I've got nothing better to do on my wedding day so sure, why not! By the way.. Who has her and what is she involved in"?

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